Vision Document for FPI

2141. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a vision document for development of food processing industries during the next ten years is under preparation;

(b) if so, the important features thereof; and

(c) by when the document will be ready?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) Action has been initiated for preparation of a Vision Document for food processing sector.

(b) Scope of the document includes current status and future projections of various processed food sectors, import-export, foreign investment/collaboration, evolving vision, identifying strategies and action plan to realize the vision, etc.

(c) Since this would involve collection of huge volume of data and information, detailed analysis thereof and consultation with a range of stakeholders, no time frame can be fixed.

Integrated Food Laws

2142. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
DR. M.N. DAS:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 697 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th May, 2003 and state:

(a) whether the Committee constituted to propose legislative and other changes for preparing a modern integrated food law and related regulation has made recommendations to Government; and

(b) if so, by when a legislation in this regard is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) A Group of Ministers (GOM) constituted by the Government to propose legislative

and other changes for preparing a Modern Integrated Food Law and related regulations has held two meetings and has given directions in the matter.

(b) Since the process of preparation of the legislation involves many Departments, specific time-frame can not be indicated.

Quota for admission of indian students in CTSA schools

2143. SHRI B.P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 10 per cent quota has been fixed for the admisison of Indian students in CTSA Schools in violation of Article 29 of the Constitution and ruling of the Apex Court;

(b) if so, what action Government propose to rectify the mistake;

(c) whether Government have propose to fix the responsibility and taken action against the concerned officers for violating Apex Court's orders; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) No, Sir. Central Tibetan Schools Administration (CTSA) was established in 1961 for imparting education to the children of Tibetan refugees and to preserve their culture and heritage & to maintain their identity. Interms of Article 29(ii) of the constitution no citizen shall be denied admission into any educational institution maintained by the state or receiving aid out of State funds on grounds only of religion, race, caste, language or any of them.

10% per cent local Indian children were allowed for admission in Central School for Tibetans (CSTs) in 1978. During 2002 it has been decided to authorize the Chairman, Local Advisory Committee (LAC) of various schools to admit Indian children in schools beyond the limit of 10% keeping inview the overall interest of the schools. Presently some schools have more than 10% of Indian students. As such, there is no violation of Article 29 of the Constitution of India.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.